

**Park District of Oak Park
Committee of the Whole
Hedges Administrative Center
Oak Park, Illinois
Thursday, March 3, 2016**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:46pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Guarino, Lentz, Porreca, Wick and Commissioner Aeschleman.

Park District Staff present: Jan Arnold, Executive Director; Kyle Cratty, Director of Finance; Chris Lindgren, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; and Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant.

Others Present: Joan Fiscella, League of Women Voters and Carol Yetkin, CYLA Design Associates Inc. and residents.

II. Public Comment

Tess McConville, Sarah Pilditch, Elise Schuring. The three middle school students presented a model of Austin Gardens and the surrounding buildings along with the potential new construction of the 1000 Lake building showing the shadow it will create. They have given their shadow presentation of the building and its effect it will have on the new AGEEC, plants and trees in the park to the classes at their school and the VOP. They have also put their presentation on facebook and began a petition to limit the size the building can be built.

Susan Schroering, stated that she lived adjacent to Austin Gardens and wanted to ask firstly, to please keep the neighbors informed on what is happening in the park as the burn took place and they did not know about it. She also asked the Board to not change the park too much with the upcoming plans. Stating it is a much used park especially by the neighbors, she didn't want much lighting changes, and wanted it to remain more of a closed park rather than too many entrances. The Board confirmed if there was a building manager or someone they could contact in the future to get out information for the residents.

III. Recreation and Facility Program Committee - None

IV. Buildings and Grounds/Facility Maintenance Committee

A. Austin Gardens Master Plan Review Update

Carol Yetkin, CYLA Design Associates Inc., presented the Board with the revised master plan for Austin Gardens that was derived from the previous master plan along with the input from the 80 people that attended the Community Meeting held on January 5. The presentation covered that it was a passive park, and plans for walkways, entrances, lighting changes, interpretive signs, seating restrooms and the AGEEC educational area. Discussion took place on the fence and possible replacement of it on Forest Avenue side. **This will come before the Board at the March Regular Board Meeting under the consent agenda.**

V. Administration and Finance Committee

A. Feasibility Study Update

Jan Arnold, Executive Director, updated the Board on the meetings that have already taken place including: the individual stake holders meetings and the initial meeting with the PDOP and site

tours. Community meetings will be coming up along with individual meetings with different conglomerates of groups and businesses in Oak Park. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

B. Ribbon Cutting Middle School Fields Update

Executive Director Arnold reminded the Board of the upcoming two ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new turf at Brooks Middle School and Percy Julian Middle School which will be held on April 9, at 9:00am and 11:00am. **No action is needed by the Board on this item.**

VI. New Business

1. Professional Services – Building Assessments

A desire for an evaluation tool for our buildings was requested by staff and the Board that would be similar to the currently used evaluating tool for the conditions of our parks. The 2016 budget allocated funds to hire a consultant to assist staff in creating a baseline for assessment of the buildings including: conditions, replacement timelines, building envelope, roofing, flashing, electrical, mechanical, interior and exterior. Walter Daniels Construction Co., Inc. has provided a bid of \$27,130.40 to complete the task. The Board briefly discussed the use of previous studies of the buildings and if they would be able to be used in this project. **This will come before the Board at the January Regular Board Meeting under the regular agenda.**

VII. Closed Session

At 8:58pm Commissioner Lentz moved and Commissioner Wick seconded that the Park Board of Commissioners convene into closed session for the discussion of the performance of a specific employee of the Park District. **The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5:0.**

At 10:02pm a motion was made by Commissioner Wick and seconded by Commissioner Lentz to adjourn the Executive Session. **The motion passed a voice vote of 5:0.**

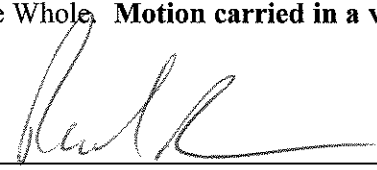
VIII. Adjournment

At 10:02p.m. a voice vote was taken to adjourn the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried in a voice vote.**



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

April 21, 2016
Date



President
Board of Park Commissioners

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